## **News Release**



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## **Volunteer Training Begins for Poppy Reserve Wildflower Season**

California State Parks is now accepting volunteer applications for the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve's upcoming wildflower season (March through May). Learn about the wildflowers, wildlife, history and volunteer duties at the 2-day training; no experience or prior knowledge is required. Volunteer opportunities include staffing the visitor center and gift shop, walking the trails, and/or leading tours. After the wildflower season, enjoy volunteer field trips and other fun activities with new friends!

Volunteers may range in age from student to senior citizen, must be interested in learning, and have a positive, friendly attitude. Applicants must complete training and fingerprinting, and a minimum of 8 hours per month is requested but scheduling is flexible. Call (661) 946-6900 or email your name, phone number and address to jrhyne@parks.ca.gov to sign up for the training and have an Application Packet sent to you.

When: 9 am – 3 pm, Saturdays February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> (must attend both days)

Where: Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve, 15101 Lancaster Road, Lancaster.

Directions: From Hwy 14, go west off the Avenue I exit and continue 15 miles. Avenue I turns into Lancaster Road; the reserve is on the right.

From Hwy 138, go south on 170<sup>th</sup> Street West and left on Lancaster Road. The reserve is on the left.

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